

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims which are pending in the present application:

1. (Currently amended) A method of preparing a pharmaceutical composition comprising ~~processed ginseng extract, as an active ingredient in an effective amount, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, for the treating treatment or preventing prevention of human or mammal suffering from brain strokes and brain diseases in a human or mammal, wherein the method comprises the steps of:~~

treating ginseng (*Panax ginseng* or *Panax quinquefolius*) with an acid solution;

extracting an organic extract from the ginseng; and

subsequently ~~fermentation~~ fermenting the organic extract with a lactic-acid bacteria.

2. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said ginseng comprises the root, stem, petal, leaf, fruit and tissue cultivates thereof.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said lactic acid bacteria ~~belongs to~~ comprises one or more of a Bifidobacterium genus bacteria.

5-12. (Cancelled)

13. (New) The method according to claim 1, further comprising isolating a pharmacologically active fraction from the extract.

14. (New) The method according to claim 1, further comprising isolating a saponin compound from the extract.

15. (New) The method according to claim 1, further comprising drying the ginseng extract.

16. (New) The method according to claim 13, further comprising drying the ginseng extract.

17. (New) The method according to claim 14, further comprising drying the saponin compound.